

## Theodore L. Sendak Speech

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### Biographical Note:

Theodore Lorraine Sendak was born on March 16, 1918 to Annette and Jack Sendak in Chicago, Illinois, but grew up in East Chicago, Indiana. He was drafted into the U.S. Army on April 14, 1941, less than a year after graduating from Harvard University. He served in the Philippines during World War II and continued to be active in the Army Reserves throughout his life. In 1942, Sendak married Tennessee Read and they subsequently had three children. Following the war, he worked for the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs. He received his law degree from Valparaiso University Law School in 1958. Sendak was a staunch Republican and played an active role in both local and national political campaigns. He served as Indiana's Attorney General from 1969 to 1981. Sendak led the fight against revamping Indiana's criminal code and was also a major proponent of capital punishment. He also served as President of the National Association of Attorneys General from 1977 to 1978. In 1997, Sendak published his autobiography, *A Pilgrimage Through the Briar Patch: Fifty Years in Indiana Politics*. He died on January 22, 1999.

#### Sources:

Sendak, Theodore. *A Pilgrimage Through the Briar Patch: Fifty Years in Indiana Politics*. Carmel, IN: Guild Press of Indiana, 1997.

"Theodore L. Sendak was former state attorney general." *Indianapolis Star* 25 Jan. 1999: B4.

### Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains two copies of Sendak's remarks at his third inauguration as Indiana Attorney General. One copy may be an original, while the other is a photocopy.

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